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3. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WILL BE A SEPARATE CASE FROM THE AUSTRALIANS, WHO AS CANBERRA HAS REPORTED, WILL EMPHASIZE THE KNOWN HARMFUL EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR TESTING.
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